

## **REMARKS**

1. In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 11 and 19-32 were last presented for examination. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 11, 19-23, 25-30 and 32 were rejected. Claims 24 and 31 were objected to. By the foregoing Amendments, claim 31 has been amended, claims 11, 19-23, 25-30 and 32 have been cancelled and claims 33-43 have been added. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this paper, claims 24, 31 and 33-43 will be pending in this application. Of these thirteen (13) claims, 1 claim (claim 24) is independent.

2. Based upon the above Amendment and following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. The Office Action states that claims 24 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants note that claim 24 is already written in independent form and that claim 31 depends directly from claim 24.

### ***Claim Rejections under §103***

4. Claims 11, 19-23, 25-30 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson *et al.* WO 00/151137 *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 3,852,045) in view of Trove *et al.* (WO 0/30788). Applicants have cancelled claims 11, 19-23, 25-30 and 32, thus making these rejections moot. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

### ***New claims***

5. Support for new claims 33-43 can be found in the originally filed application, in its specification text, drawings and claims. Specifically, support for these claims can be found at least in the specification text on pages 8-10.

***Dependent claims***

6. The dependent claims, including new dependent claims 33-43, incorporate all the subject matter of independent claim 24 and add additional subject matter which makes them independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the dependent claims are also allowable over the art of record.

***Conclusion***

7. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

8. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims or other subject matter disclosed in this application in a continuation or divisional application. Any cancellations and amendments of above claims, therefore, are not to be construed as an admission regarding the patentability of any claims and Applicants reserve the right to pursue such claims in a continuation or divisional application.

9. In the event that the Examiner believes that an interview would serve to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the number noted below.

10. Please charge any fees due with this paper to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21547-00295-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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